

Development of Southern Naval Command

***105. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of Southern Naval Command, Kochi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The Southern Naval Command, with headquarters at Kochi, is the existing training command of the Indian Navy and is responsible for its basic and professional training. Training is a dynamic and evolving process and, therefore, is continuously reviewed to incorporate modern technological advancements which include simulators and computers based training aids etc.

The Government has approved establishment of a Naval Academy at Ezhimala in the State of Kerala under the Southern Naval Command. This Naval Academy is meant for imparting training to the cadets and officers of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, and those from the friendly countries. The Academy is meant to cater to a training load of 600 cadets initially. Indian Naval Ship Zamorin, the depot ship of the Naval Academy has been commissioned on 6th April, 2005 and training programmes have commenced at the campus with effect from 5th August, 2005.

ARWSP in Kerala

***106. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:** Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programmes (ARWSP) in Kerala undertaken with the assistance of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes as on date, category-wise;

(c) the total revised estimates for the above schemes and the total Central assistance, as on date, category-wise;

(d) whether the competent authority of Kerala sought higher allocations during August, 2006, for completion of the schemes within three years;

(e) if so, the details of action taken, if any; and

(f) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (f) The primary responsibility of providing drinking water in rural area rests with the State Government. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments in this direction by providing financial and technical support through a Centrally sponsored scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Under Bharat Nirman, priority is to be given to coverage of uncovered habitations and to address problems of quality affected habitations as well as slippages from fully covered status.

The allocation under ARWSP is based on well-defined parameters viz. rural population, geographical conditions, number of NC/PC habitations and water quality status. However, the State Government are empowered to plan, implement and utilize the ARWSP funds for various schemes at their level through the State Level Sanctioning Committee. Therefore, scheme-wise details/records for ARWSP are maintained by respective States at their levels. As per the reports received from the State, current status is as follows:

Category	Ongoing schemes
ARWSSN	82
NC/PC	170
Mini WSS	14
Varsha RWS Schemes	2479 units
WSS to rural schools	746

In the last three years Rs. 136.14 crore has been released to Kerala under ARWSP. The allocation made in 2006-07 to Government of Kerala under various component of ARWSP are as under:

Category	Ongoing schemes
ARWSP (Normal)	Rs. 62.16 crores
SRWSP (Swajaldhara)	Rs. 6.85 crores
SRWSP (Quality)	Rs. 3.11 crores
TOTAL	Rs. 74.41 crores

In the current year 2006-07 against an allocation of Rs. 62.16 crore, Rs. 31.08 crore has been released as first instalment under ARWSP. Further, Rs. 6.85 crores has been released under Swajaldhara as the 1st Instalment. The State is yet to submit its proposal for 2nd Instalment under ARWSP (Normal).

A request has been received from Managing Director, Kerala Works Authority for reimbursement of Rs. 713.58 lacs for excess expenditure incurred during 2004-05 and 2005-06. Since guidelines do not provide for reimbursement of excess expenditure, the State Government has been informed accordingly. However, the State Government has been informed to submit proposal for release of additional funds, which can be considered after reviewing physical/financial progress of the State in last quarter of financial year.

A proposal for financial assistance from JBIC of Rs. 153.21 crores to complete the 20 ongoing projects received from Kerala has also been recommended to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). Further, a request for extending to ongoing World Bank aided Kerala Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project to 20 more Gram Panchayats has been agreed to in 2005. The extended credit agreement now stands at US \$ 89.80 million with the IDA loan of US \$ 65.50 million.

States not following priorities fixed by Government regarding NREGS

*107. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only a few States, where the National Rural